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House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer
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Dear Representative Hoyer:

On behalf of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), thank you for your sponsorship of the "Full-Service Community Schools Act." We appreciate your continued advocacy for full-service schools and the services and supports that would be afforded to students and families through such models.

Full-service community schools are a more efficient and effective means of providing children and families with the social service and academic support they need. Grants to facilitate the collaboration of public education and public/private organizations would help establish partnerships and programs to combine resources and improve service delivery. When schools, community-based organizations, and state and local agencies coordinate efforts to improve outreach, access, and program implementation, students and families are better served.

NASP is a professional association that promotes effective educational practices by providing resources to parents, educators, and school psychologists. We also advocate for public policies that best serve the diverse educational needs of children and families. NASP members provide academic interventions and mental health services, help bridge the gap between home and school and ensure that both parents and teachers are working together to best serve children's educational and emotional needs. Community schools expand these efforts. They design their educational approach and their network of social support with the specific needs of the community in mind. It is with the best interests of our children and communities in mind, that you have introduced this legislation.

Again, thank you for your being a champion of children and the full-service community schools model. We urge you to continue your advocacy. NASP will be there to help support this critical legislation and share the important message of its passage with our members and constituents. Please feel free to contact us if there is further support or assistance we could offer.

Sincerely,

Susan Gorin, CAE
Executive Director